





Securities given to the Trustees of the Wisconsin Memorial Library for the Town of Colman - Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1908 and for what purpose -

1<sup>st</sup> - for maintainance fund, the Income to be used only for Insurance and repairs of Libry Binding and furniture, including furnace, -

1 Hocking Valley R.R. Bond due 1977 for \$1,000, @ 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% <sup>July</sup> 45.00

1 Brooklyn N York Union Stock 1950 \$1,000. @ 5% = 50.00

1 Atchamf & S. R.R. Bond 1955 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

3 Bonds for maintain fund amount \$3,000. gross Income \$135.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Fund on Deposit at Franklin Sav. Institute.  $\frac{1,000}{4,000}$   
recorded April 19, 1927

For Running Expenses, The Income only to be used -

1 R.R. Bond 666 St Louis due 1973 for \$1,000. @ 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% = Inc 40.00

1 B.Q. " Railroad Bond " 1949 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

1 N.Y. & N. Haven " " " 1954 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

1 Boston & Maine " " " 1942 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

1 Conn. & Pennsylvania " " " 1943 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

<sup>North Pacific C.P. & G. Bond</sup>  
1 B.A. & C. & S. & W. " " 1925 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

1 " Pacific " " " 1947 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

1 N.Y. & N. Haven " " " 1954 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

1 B. & O. Lane Mortgage 1958 \$1,000. @ 4% = 40.00

1 Atchamf & S. " " " \$1,000 @ 4% = 40.00

10 Bonds funds, for running Ex. \$10,000. Annual Income \$400.00

I desire that this document be put upon the records of the Town and also upon the records of the Library, so as to show at all times, for what purposes the Income is to be expended.

Jo. E. Wisnora











Colrain Mass Apr 30<sup>th</sup> 1908

The trustees of Colrain Free Library,  
 Edwin W Coombs, Jonathan E. Davenport,  
 Henry A. Howard, Joseph W. Ballard,  
 John D. Graham, and John W Cram  
 met at the residence of John W Cram  
 for organization.

Edwin W Coombs was elected Chairman  
 John W Cram was elected Secretary.  
 Joseph W. Ballard was elected Treasurer  
 Katherine H Cram appointed Librarian,  
 and Mrs John D. Graham, Rev Samson Nicholls  
 and Katherine H. Cram appointed book  
 committee, to hold office until the Griswold  
 Memorial Library Building shall be ready  
 for occupancy and until other arrangements  
 shall have been made by the trustees.

Voted the Secretary be authorized to purchase  
 a record book; an order book and whatever  
 supplies may be needed for proper  
 transaction of business.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved  
 John W Cram, Secy.

Coburn Mass Aug 31, 1908

Library Trustees met at house of J W Cram to make necessary arrangements for dedication of Griswold Memorial Library. Dedication to be holden on Sept 10, 1908.

Voted that J. E. Davenport act as master of ceremonies  
 Voted to ask Rev. Samson Nicholls to make opening prayer. Voted to ask Rev. J. D. Graham to make speech of acceptance for board of trustees, in response to speech of presentation by Joseph Griswold  
 Voted to ask Rev Mr Eaton to pronounce benediction  
 Rev Mr Merriam of Greenfield to make dedicatory address by request of Joseph Griswold  
 J. W. Cram Secy.

Coburn Mass Sept 10, 1908

Dedicatory exercises of Griswold Memorial Library carried out according to previously arranged program. Weather was favorable and exercises were held on lawn of Congregational parsonage. A good number of persons present and everything connected with the exercises passed off favorably.  
 J. W. Cram Secy.



Cohain Mass. Sept. 14. 1908

Trustees of Cohain Free Library Met in reading-room of Griswold Memorial Library Building and transacted the following named business.

Mrs Katherine H Cram elected unanimously Librarian for balance of library year.

Salary of librarian to be at rate of One Hundred and fifty dollars per year

Voted to have library open to public on Afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Voted to have library open on Sunday from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Voted that the librarian may choose her own assistant, but same shall be acceptable to trustees.

Janitors duties shall be to tend furnace when needed and as needed, as directed by trustees or librarian. Shoveling snow and sweeping walks as needed; Sweeping floors and basement as needed. Mowing lawn twice a week, about the same distance on back of library as between library and street on front.

Voted that Henry A Howard serve as janitor for the time being, and until another shall have been employed.

Voted that the pay of janitor shall be two dollars per week.

Voted that the treasurer of board of trustees furnish all necessary utensils to be used

about the library building, and to look after purchasing the coal supply.

Voted that the trustees take the necessary legal steps to elect Joseph Griswold an honorary member of the board of trustees.

Voted to have librarian call in books at once, Voted to adjourn until called together by the Secy,

J. W. Cram Secy

Oct 20, 1908

Rec'd letter from State Librarian expressing his opinion which was concurred in by the Attorney General that the Town of Coham has no legal right to elect Joseph Griswold of Greenfield an honorary member of Coham Free Library.

J. W. Cram Secy.

Nov. 3, 1908

at the Town Meeting for election of State Officers holden on this date, in the warrant for which was an article to see if the Town of Coham would vote to change the name of Coham Free Library to Griswold Memorial Library, it was voted to so change the name.

J. W. Cram Secy

Oct 28 1905. At a meeting of the trustees of the  
 State Library, on this date it was voted that the Library  
 should hold a the Colman Hotel for the purpose where  
 the State Library Commission may send to  
 catalogue the Library. Voted that the Librarian  
 engage to select to appear what books need  
 rehousing. Voted to have Librarian buy what  
 equipment may be needed in house work  
 voted to elect a book committee of three persons  
 William A. Brown, Wm. J. O. Crocker and Dr.  
 Samuel Washburn. Voted that the committee  
 Dr. J. O. Crocker represent on the  
 committee and that J. O. Crocker be  
 elected in his place. Voted to adjourn to  
 next of Nov. J. O. Brown Secy.

Dec 7 1905. At a meeting of the trustees of  
 the State Library, it was voted that the  
 Library be open from 10 to 12 and from 2 to 4 P.M.  
 on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday  
 voted that the book committee be authorized  
 to expend the balance of the money appropriated  
 by the State for purchase of books.  
 J. O. Brown Secy.



Feb 1, 1888 At a meeting of Trustees of Concord Memorial Library it was voted to have Library hours as follows, On Wed, & Sat, Library to be open from 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30 o'clock. On Sunday from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Voted to accept Librarian's report and list of books to be printed.

Voted to instruct the Librarian to investigate the proposed purchase of case of mounted birds as offered for sale by W. R. R. and report at a later meeting.

Voted to give the Concord Band 20 book-cases to J. W. Laram for \$7.00

J. W. Laram Secy.

March 15. 1882. *Agave* *americana*.

John W. Coram. elected Secretary

Decided that the Song Fund raise, be a committee  
to purchase necessary song books for the best  
equipping of the Library.

I wanted to increase the amount of insurance  
on the bark No. 2, & to leave the placing  
of said increase of insurance with the  
treasurer.

Added to list of the Librarian to observe  
and assist Librarian as far as convenient  
and report same to committee.

Wrote to National Librarian to have the reference books, at his discretion, under the exception of Encyclopaedia Dictionary and Atlas sent to Broad one week at a time

Resumes reported unfavorably on the purchase of the case of mounted birds.

to be placed in the Library, and said report  
was accepted.

Voted to have Say, and to have purchase  
at least one of volumes that to be paid  
for from any available funds.

met to adjourn meeting.

J. W. Cram Secy.

March 14, 1910

Library Trustees met at house of

J. W. Cram for organization

J. E. Davenport elected Chairman. J. W. Cram elected  
Secretary. J. W. Ballard elected Treasurer. Mrs J. W. Cram  
elected Librarian. Treasurer instructed to  
purchase a thermometer for the Library

S. E. Duntun appointed Janitor for ensuing year

Mr Samson Nichols. Mrs J. F. Graham and Mrs

J. W. Cram appointed Book Committee

Mar 28, 1911

J. W. Cram, Secy

Library Trustees met at Library for  
purpose of organization.

J. E. Davenport elected Chairman. J. W. Cram elected  
Secretary. J. W. Ballard elected Treasurer. Katherine H. Cram  
elected Librarian. Mrs J. W. Cram, Mrs J. F. Graham

and Rev David Pike appointed Book Committee

S. E. Duntun appointed Janitor

Voted to pay Robert Miller bill for rent of land

J. W. Cram, Secy.



Mar. 11, 1912

Library Trustees met at Library for organization. J. E. Doenhardt elected Chairman J. W. Cronin elected Secretary J. W. Ballard elected Treasurer Catherine H. Cronin elected Librarian Mrs. J. W. Cronin, Mrs. J. J. Graham and Rev. David Pike chosen book committee S. E. Denton chosen janitor

Motion received to have Library opened at 2 o'clock P. M. on Saturdays. Voted to have Library opened at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon for one month

Treasurer and Secretary chosen Committee to make necessary repairs, furnish a ladder for outside of building and necessary book cases

Voted that Librarian obtain assistance in reading new books before being put into circulation if necessary

J. W. Cronin, Secy.

Feb 6, 1913 Library Trustees met at house of J. W. Cronin for the purpose of making the annual report

Voted to accept report of Librarian Voted to pay board of persons sent by State Library Commission to work on library catalogue

Voted that the interest due on W. of \$29116 at Lowell Savings Institution be payable over order of Treasurer of Trustees of Winsorold Memorial Library

J. W. Cronin, Secy.

March 20, 1913 Library Committee met at  
Library for organization

J E Davenport elected Chairman  
J W Ballard elected Secretary  
J W Ballard elected Treasurer  
Mrs Katherine H Cram elected Librarian

L E Duntun appointed Sanitor, Katherine H Cram  
Mrs J D Graham Rev. David Pike form Committee  
Voted to charge the two book cases already bought  
and the prospective stock we are about to purchase  
to the Maintenance account

Voted the Library be open on Wed, and Sat, from  
three to five and seven to eight thirty P. M., and  
on sundays from twelve to one o'clock.

Voted to leave to the discretion of Librarian  
and Book Committee the disposal of discarded  
books and magazines.

Voted to engage Mr. [unclear] to  
front door and floor of [unclear]

Voted to authorize [unclear] to  
purchase new book table

to [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

J W Ballard Secy

March 20 1914, Library Trustees met at house of J N Crum for organization  
 Frank S. Field elected Chairman J W Crum  
 elected Secretary J W Ballard elected Treasurer  
 Katherine H Crum elected Librarian  
 Mrs Crum, Mrs. Crum and Mrs. S. Page  
 elected Board of Trustees. E Duntown appointed  
 Janitor. J W Crum and J W Crum  
 authorized to purchase fuel and (after  
 needed repairs. - the meeting dissolved  
 J W Crum Secy

June 1, 1915 Library Trustees met at Library  
 for organization. Report of Secy read and approved  
 Frank S Field elected Chairman. J W Crum  
 elected Secretary. J W Ballard elected Treasurer  
 Katherine H Crum elected Librarian.  
 Katherine H Crum Rec. <sup>Frank</sup> ~~Charles~~ Stacy and Rev  
 Daniel Bartlett elected Board of Trustees  
 Lewis E Duntown appointed Janitor.  
 Voted the Secy and Treasurer be authorized to  
 purchase fuel and make such repairs as may  
 be needed. Voted to dissolve the meeting  
 J W Crum Secy



April 27, 1916 Library Trustees met at  
Library for organization.  
C. A. Stewart elected chairman. J. W. Cram  
elected secretary. J. W. Ballard elected Treasurer.  
Report of secy. read and accepted.  
Nathan & Danton elected Janitors. Danton & Cram chosen  
book committee, with Trustees as an advisory  
board. Voted the secy. and Treas. be authorized  
to purchase fuel and make such repairs  
as may be necessary.  
J. W. Cram Secy

July 5, 1917 Library trustees met at  
the Library for organization.  
Charles A. Stewart elected Chairman.  
Secretary's report read and accepted.  
E. M. Nichols elected secretary.  
J. W. Ballard elected Treasurer.  
H. M. Eastman elected Librarian.  
D. E. Danton appointed Janitor.  
Mrs. J. W. Cram, Mrs. G. W. Ballard  
and H. M. Eastman elected book comm-  
itee.  
Treasurer's report read and accepted.  
H. M. Eastman and E. M. Nichols appointed  
to obtain an assistant Librarian.

Sec. and Treasurer appointed to arrange for the necessary repairs about the library

Motion made and carried that the necessary tile be furnished to drain the grounds back of the library

Motion made and carried that Wm. Ballard make arrangements for beautifying the grounds about the library

Motion made and carried that we extend to D. Thanks to Mrs L. W. Crann for her efforts and success as Librarian for the last 25 years.

Motion carried that the Janitor receive \$15.00 per month, to be paid monthly commencing July 1st '17

Motion carried that the Librarian salary be maintained at \$150.50 per year. Paid Semi Annually.

Motion carried that a key to both the front and back doors to the library be provided for the Superintendent of schools

Motion to adjourn

E. H. Nichols Sec.

Sept. 24 / 17

Library trustees met at -  
Dr. Mathews house at 8.15 o'clock and  
present except Mr. Ballard  
motion carried that the trustees of  
the Snowball Memorial Library, the war  
library room and a committee be  
appointed to solicit about town the  
"Apportionment" \$100.00

Committee named as follows.

E. D. Coombs, Chas. Stewart Jr. N. Cram,

Rev. & M. Eastman Jr. J. A. Mather, E. M. Nichols

Doreno, Knawolf Jr. Frank Field

Mrs. Edgar Stebbins Milton Brown.

Motion to adjourn

E. M. Nichols Sec.

Report of the war Library work for Colrain

The work was a success and the money  
collected was in excess of the amount asked.  
The town contributed over one hundred dollars  
as its share of the good work.

The Library has also been able to send some  
books for use by the soldiers. These were  
contributed by various citizens from their  
own collections.

Various bulletins sent out by different  
Govt. departments and pertaining to a variety of  
matters have been displayed or distributed. The best  
of the war books have been obtained for circulation  
and have been greatly appreciated. E. M. Nichols Sec.



Feb. 14, 1918

The trustees of Griswold Memorial Library met at the Library for organization.

The secretary's report read and accepted.  
Treasurer's report read and approved.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Chairman	Charles A. Stewart
Secretary	Earl M. Nichols
Treasurer	J. W. Ballard
Librarian	H. M. Eastman
Janitor	app. L. E. Duntson

Books Committee approved were  
H. M. Eastman, Mrs. J. W. Cram, Mrs. J. W. Ballard.  
Motion made and carried that the salary of the Librarian and janitor remain the same as last year.

Dr. Mather reported that the drain tile for the Library grounds has been installed.  
Motion made and carried that Drs. Cram and Mather have power to ~~use~~ for the library grounds during the year.

Motion made and carried that Mrs. Cram and Miss Ashleys recent report be entered in the secretary's minutes of the library.

Motion made and carried that Dr. Mather serve as full committee for the Library for the year. Motion to adjourn.  
E. M. Nichols Sec.

Cobrain, Mass. July 18, 1917.

To the Trustees of Griswold Memorial Library:

I have the honor to make the following report of my work for the library since the beginning of this year and since my last report was given.

The library has been open at the proper times and has been used even more than in other years.

Thirteen books have been received as gifts and have been entered.

I have purchased 111 books, read, catalogued and shelved them. I have made three scrap books of such items of local history as I have been able to secure during the past seven years and I hope they will prove to be of future value and interest. The library has been thoroughly cleaned and books placed in order three times since the first of January and at this time every book stands on the shelves in their proper order and the corresponding cards are filed in the card catalogue. It was my desire to have all books in and have them placed and be certain that all books were safe and in proper condition but as the trustees did not desire this to be done I can only vouch for those that are here and must disclaim all responsibility for those in circulation.

I have on hand \$4.20 fine money and with

this I also present the bills incurred for books etc. for this year.

There are many books on the shelves that need re-binding but I did not wish to remove them at this time as the shelves and catalogue would not have corresponded. As far as I know everything about my work is in order and I take pleasure in resigning the library in good condition. During the ~~twenty~~ four years and seven months that I have been librarian for the town of Colrain the trustees have been most kind and considerate and for all courtesy and consideration which I have received from them I wish to express my sincere thanks.

Resp. Submitted.

Katherine Holton Brown

Representing the State Commission Miss. Edith M. Pratt has made a careful inventory, covering two days, and finds that all books on the shelves agree with the shelf list, which is the stock list of the library.

As local Secretary for Franklin County I have today inspected her work and find it correct. The Library in all its branches is in first class condition.

Resp. submitted.

July 18, 1917.

Mary Ashley.



June 25, 1918

The Library trustees met at the Library.  
The resignation of Librarian H. M. Eastman  
read and accepted.

Mr. Eastman resigns to enter the war service.  
Motion made and carried that the secretary  
notify Mr. Eastman that we accept his  
resignation and wish him success in his  
new work and a safe return.

Miss Bertha Reed unanimously elected  
Librarian

Motion made and carried that the library  
be open to the public as follows. Each  
Wednesday and Saturday 2-30 to 5-30.

6-30 to 8- The hour for Sunday to be  
arranged by the Librarian and the secretary  
to meet the convenience of the people etc.

Motion made and carried that Miss Reed  
serve as one member of the book committee.  
The secretary is hereby empowered to appoint  
a third member after consulting with Miss  
Reed and Mrs. Bram.

Motion to adjourn

E. M. Nichols Sec.

March, 5, 1919

The trustees of the Griswoldville Memorial Library met at the Library 8 o'clock evening, meeting called to order by chairman Stewart, C. A. Stewart, Lorenzo Griswold Jr., E. M. Nichols, J. W. Cram, O. P. Fairbanks and D. Leon Smith present. The Secretaries minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Treasurers report read and approved.

Election of officers as follows

C. A. Stewart Chairman

E. M. Nichols Secretary

Lorenzo Griswold Jr. Treasurer

Bertha Read Librarian

Book committee approved Bertha Read,

Mrs. J. W. Cram, Mr. S. H. Walker.

Mr. Lucy Duntson appointed Janitor

Motion made and carried that the salary of the Janitor & Librarian remain the same as last year.

J. W. Cram & D. Leon Smith appointed as special committee to look after the grounds and building to prevent disorder during the year. Motion carried that the Library be kept open during the same hours as last year. D. Leon Smith appointed full agt. for the Library. Motion carried that L. Griswold Jr. see about repairing the typewriter. Motion to adjourn.

E. M. Nichols Sec.

Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 1920.

The Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library met at the Library at 9.15 P.M. Meeting was called to order by Chas Stewart, chairman. Dr. J. W. Cram, Chas Stewart, D. Leon Smith, O. R. Fairbanks and R. W. Burdington present. The following officers were elected.

C. R. Stewart	Chairman
L. Griswold Jr	Treasurer
R. W. Burdington	Secretary
Bertha L. Read	Librarian
Louis Hinton	Janitor

Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. McCann and Bertha L. Read Book Committee.

D. Leon Smith fuel committee.

Dr. J. W. Cram and D. Leon Smith as a committee to look after the grounds and the library building.

Motion to adjourn

R. W. Burdington  
Secy



May 22. 1920

A meeting of the Library Trustees, <sup>was held</sup> at the Library. Dr. Cram, L. Griswold Jr.; Mr. Q. A. Furbanks and Rev. Purrington present. In the absence of chairman Stewart Mr. Griswold presided. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Voted to purchase land of Mrs. Rott Miller which adjoined the library property. The price which was to be \$200.00 was to be taken from the maintenance fund.

Voted to have chairman appoint a committee of two to purchase the property and look after the transaction.

Mr. Cram and Mr. Griswold were appointed for the same.  
Motion to adjourn.

P. W. Purrington Secy.

April 13, 1921.

The annual meeting of the Colrain Griswold Memorial Library trustees was held at the library at 8:15 P.M. all members being present namely Mr. C. A. Stewart, Mr. Lorenzo Griswold Jr, Mr. O. R. Fairbanks, Mr. D. Leon Smith, Dr. J. W. Cram and Rev Purrington. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted as read. Treasurers report read and approved.

A motion was made and carried that the secretary cast our ballot for the same officers as last year which are as follows.

C. A. Stewart Chairman.

L. Griswold Jr Treas.

Rev Purrington Sec.

Bertha L. Read. Librarian

Lewis Duntow Janitor

Mr. S. H. Walker, Mrs J W Cram and

Bertha Read book committee

D. Leon Smith fuel committee

Dr Cram and D. Leon Smith

committee to look after library building and grounds.

Motion to adjourn

Rev Purrington.  
Sec.

February 24, 1922.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library at 8:00 P.M. with ~~the~~ <sup>the following</sup> members present namely Mrs. L. Griswold Jr. Mr. O.R. Fairbanks Rev. S.H. Walker, Mr. J.W. Cram and Rev. Purrington. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurers report read and accepted.

Motion was made and carried that the secretary cast our ballot for the following officers.

Chas Stewart - Chairman.

L. Griswold Jr. - Treasurer.

Rev. Purrington - Secretary.

The following committee were appointed. Book committee Rev. S.H. Walker,

Mrs. J.W. Cram and Miss Bertha Read.

Fuel committee Rev. S.H. Walker.

Miss Bertha Read reappointed as Librarian. Building and grounds committee Mr. Walker and Mr. Cram.

Motion was made to let the present janitor (Mrs. R. Humer) remain for the present.

Motion to adjourn.

Rev. Purrington Sec.



March 17, 1923.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library with all members present.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Stewart at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes of meeting of Feb 24, 1922 read and approved. Treas report read and approved. Motion made and carried that the secretary cast our ballot for the same officers as last year namely.

Chas Stewart - Chairman.

L. Griswold Jr - Treas

CW Purrington - Sec.

Rev. S.H. Walker, Mrs J.W. Cram, Bertha Read book committee

Rev. S.H. Walker Fuel committee

Rev S.H. Walker and Dr. J.W. Cram

Building and grounds committee.

Miss Bertha Read was reappointed librarian and Mr. F. L. Ware janitor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30

CW Purrington, Sec.

Nov. 24. 1924.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library with the following members present Dr. J. W. Cram, Rev. S. H. Walker, Lorenz Griswold Jr., O. P. Fairbanks and R. W. Perrington. Owing to the resignation of chairman Charles Stewart the meeting was called to order by O. P. Fairbanks. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer Griswold's report was read and approved. Motion to adjourn at 8:10 P. M.  
R. W. Perrington Sec.

June 14. 1924

A meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library at 7:10 P. M. Minutes of last meeting Nov. 24. 1923 read and approved. Treasurer's report read and adopted as made. This being the first meeting of the year, elections of officers for the coming year were in order. Motion was made and carried that the meeting adjourn until the next time being the meeting of O. P. Fairbanks as chairman. Motion was made and carried that

the secretary cast one ballot bearing the names of L. Griswold Jr as Treasurer,

Rev. S. H. Walker as secretary, Rev. S. H. Walker, Mrs. J. W. Cram, Mrs. W. H. Cram and Miss Bertha L. Read as book committee,

Rev. S. H. Walker, fuel committee.

Rev. S. H. Walker and Dr. J. W. Cram as building and grounds committee.

Miss Bertha L. Read was reappointed librarian and Mr. F. L. Cram as janitor.

It was voted that the Russell fund be transferred from the maintenance fund to the general fund for this year only. Voted that the book committee purchase no books less than sixty days before the treasurer books were closed. Motion made that the trustees hold a meeting every three months.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully,  
Joseph W. Cramington Sec



Oct. 9. 1924

A special meeting of the trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Colrain House. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Fairbanks at 8:00 P.M. with all members present namely.

Mrs. L. Griswold Sr. Mr. L. Griswold Jr. Mr. L. R. Fairbanks, Rev. S. H. Walker. As. J. W. Cram and Rev. Purrington. Motion made and carried that Mrs. L. Griswold Sr. and Rev. Mr. Walker be appointed to see if the appropriation of \$250.00 <sup>per year</sup> by the town for the running expenses of the Library might be raised to \$300.00 per year.

Motion made and carried that a desk light be purchased and a connection put in to the Librarian's desk.

Motion to adjourn.

Rev. Purrington Sec.

May 13. 1925.

A meeting of Library trustees was held at the Library with all members present at 8:15 P.M. The following officers were elected

O. R. Fairbanks - Chairman.

R. W. Purrington - Secretary.

L. Griswold Jr. - Treasurer.

Mr. H. L. Caulkins, Mrs. J. W. Cram, Mrs. L. Griswold Sr. and Miss B. L. Read - Book Committee.

Fuel Committee - O. R. Fairbanks.

Mr. R. E. Thompson and Dr. J. W. Cram - Buildings and Grounds.

Miss B. L. Read reappointed as Librarian.

Mr. F. L. Ware " " janitor.

Motion made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of three to look into the matter of repairing or replacing the furnace. The committee appointed being Mr. R. E. Thompson, Dr. J. W. Cram and R. W. Purrington.

The report of the treasurer was read and approved.

Motion to adjourn.

R. W. Purrington Sec.

March 9, 1926

Meeting of Library Trustees was held at Library  
the following members present:

O. R. Fairbanks, L. Griswold Jr. R. E. Thompson  
Dr. J. W. Cram, H. C. Johnson

Minutes of Last meeting read and accepted.

Treasurer's report heard and accepted.

Elected Oscar E. Fairbanks Chairman

" H. C. Johnson, Secretary.

" L. Griswold Jr. Treas.

Book Committee:

H. L. Calkins, Mrs. J. W. Cram, Mrs. L. Griswold Sr.  
and Miss B. L. Read.

Fuel Committee:

O. R. Fairbanks.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

R. E. Thompson. Dr. J. W. Cram.

Librarian:

Bertha L. Read.

Janitor:

H. L. Ware.

Summace committee reported furnace working O.K.

Voted to adjourn.

H. C. Johnson  
Secy.



Sept. 17, 1926.

A special meeting of the Directors of Trivall Memorial Library was held at the Library on the above date. at 8:00 p.m. with Chairman Hinbanks, R. E. Thompson, Dr. L. H. Crum, and Dr. C. Johnson and George Trivall. present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hinbanks  
Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.  
Crum's report was read and accepted.

Voted to have George J. Werry, roofing contractor from Greenfield, repair roof at cost not to exceed \$350<sup>00</sup>.

Voted to accept Mrs. Mary L. Trivall's gift of pictures bronze and books.

Adjourned

Dr. C. Johnson,  
Secy.

April 19, 1927

The regular meeting of the Trustees of Griswold Memorial Library was held at the library, April 19, 1927 with the following present. O. E. Fairbanks, R. E. Thompson, Dr. J. W. Cram, Lorenzo Griswold + H. C. Johnson.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 P. M.

Report of Secy read and adopted as read.

Report of Treas. read and accepted as read.

Voted to have Secy record the Fund at the Franklin Savings Institute with list of bonds.

The following officers were elected:

O. E. Fairbanks, Chairman; H. C. Johnson, Secy; Lorenzo Griswold, Treas;

H. L. Calkins, Mrs. J. W. Cram, Mrs. Elizabeth Cary, Miss Bertha L. Read, Book Committee;

O. E. Fairbanks, Fuel Committee;

R. E. Thompson, Dr. J. W. Cram, Building & Grounds Comm;

Bertha L. Read, Librarian; H. L. Ware, Janitor;

Voted the change hour of Sunday opening from 12-1- to 12:15 to 1:15, and instructed Secy to notify Librarian to that effect.

Meeting dissolved

H. C. Johnson,  
Secy

July 5. 1928.

The regular meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library with all members present and called to order by chairman Fairbanks at 8:00 P.M. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treas. report read and accepted.

The following officers were elected

Chairman Isaac H. Fairbanks.

Secretary F. C. Johnson.

Treas. George Griswold.

Book committee: Rev. W. L. Caulton, Mrs. J. W. Cram.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cary, Bertha Reed.

Fuel committee Isaac H. Fairbanks.

Building committee C. E. Thompson W. J. W. Cram.

Librarian Bertha Reed.

F. L. Ware was appointed painter.

Voted to close the Library on Sundays beginning first Sunday in August.

Voted to instruct Building and Grounds committee to have floors in Library scraped and put in good condition, also to purchase electric waxing machine.

Motion to adjourn

F. C. Johnson Secy.



May 25, 1927.

The Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library held a regular meeting at Dr. Crane with the following members present  
 C. H. Fairbanks, H. E. Thompson, Lorenzo Griswold  
 and R. W. Purrington.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted  
 Treas. report read and approved.

The trustees organized as follows.

Oscar P. Fairbanks Chairman.

R. W. Purrington Secretary

Lorenzo Griswold Treas.

H. L. Cushman, Mrs. J. W. Crane, Mrs. Elizabeth  
 Cary, Bertha Reed. Book committee

Oscar Fairbanks Fuel committee.

H. E. Thompson, W. Crane, Buildings and  
 Grounds committee

Bertha Reed Librarian.

F. L. Ware - Appointed as painter.

Motion made and carried the \$800.00 to  
 be drawn from the maintenance fund and  
 placed on interest and to be known as the  
 John S. Thompson Building Fund.

Motion to adjourn

R. W. Purrington Sec

May 18. 1930

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the library with the following members present. Lorenzo Griswold, Dr. J. W. Cram, Mrs. Elizabeth Cary, Oscar C. Fairbanks and R. E. Purrington. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by chairman Fairbanks. Minutes of meeting of May 25. 1929 were read and approved. The report of the treasurer was read and accepted. The trustees re-organized as follows.

Oscar C. Fairbanks	-	chairman.
Lorenzo Griswold	-	Treasurer
R. E. Purrington	-	Secretary
Mrs. Cary, Miss Read, Mrs. Cram and Rev. John J. Parsons		as book committee
Oscar C. Fairbanks	-	fuel committee
R. E. Thompson and Dr. Cram	-	Building and grounds committee
Miss Bertha Read		was re-elected as librarian
Fred L. Ware		was re-appointed as janitor
Motion to adjourn.		

R. E. Purrington Sec.

April. 20. 1931.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library at 8 o'clock P.M. Meeting called to order by Chairman Fairbanks. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurers report read and accepted. The trustees reorganized as follows

O. R. Fairbanks Chairman.

Lorenzo Griswold Treasurer.

R. W. Purrington Secretary

Miss Bertha Read was re-elected as librarian  
Mrs. Elizabeth Cary, Miss Bertha Read, Mrs.  
J. H. Cram and Rev. John J. Parsons as book  
committee.

R. E. Thompson and Dr. J. W. Cram building  
and grounds committee

Earl Fairbanks fuel committee.

J. L. Ware was re-appointed janitor.

Motion made and carried that the building  
and grounds committee be authorized to have  
a proper cement drive put in to the rear  
of the Library.

Motion to adjourn.

R. W. Purrington Sec.



June 25, 1932.

A meeting of the Trustees of the  
 Memorial Library was held at  
 the library at 9:00 P.M. Meeting called  
 to order by chairman O. B. Fairbanks.  
 Minutes of meeting of April 20, 1931  
 read and accepted. Treasurer's report  
 read and accepted.

The following officers were elected  
 O. B. Fairbanks chairman.  
 Oscar Fairbanks Treasurer.  
 B. W. Purrington Secretary.  
 Bertha L. Read Librarian.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cary, Miss Bertha Read,  
 Mrs. J. W. Cram and Rev. J. J. Parsons  
 book committee

Oscar Fairbanks Fuel Committee  
 R. E. Thompson and Dr. J. W. Cram  
 buildings and grounds committee

F. L. Ware was re-appointed as janitor.

Motion to adjourn.

R. W. Purrington Sec.

February 14. 1933.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the library. Meeting called to order at 8:30 by chairman Fairbanks.

The following officers were elected.

Chairman - C. R. Fairbanks.

Treasurer - Dr. J. W. Cram.

Secretary - R. W. Purrington.

Miss Bertha Read was re-elected librarian. Mrs. Elizabeth Cary, Miss Bertha Read, Mrs. J. W. Cram and Rev. John J. Parsons were elected book committee. Oscar R. Fairbanks was appointed fuel committee R. E. Thompson and Dr. J. W. Cram appointed building and grounds committee, and to look after book cases and cupboards.

F. L. Ware was re-appointed janitor

Voted to adjourn.

R. W. Purrington Sec.

P.S. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report read and accepted.

June - 12 - 1934.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the library with Dr. J. H. Cram, C. R. Fairbanks, R. E. Donelson and R. H. Purrington present.

Meeting called to order by chairman Fairbanks at 7:40 P. M. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report read and accepted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Chairman Oscar R. Fairbanks -

Treasurer - Dr. J. H. Cram

Secretary Mrs. Elizabeth Cary.

Miss Bertha L. Read was re-appointed librarian.

Mrs. Alice Stetson, Miss Bertha Read, Mrs. J. H. Cram and R. E. Donelson were appointed book committee. Oscar Fairbanks fuel committee, R. E. Donelson and Dr. J. H. Cram building and grounds committee. F. L. Ware was re-appointed janitor.

Motion to adjourn -

R. H. Purrington - Sec. pro tem.

It was thought best that the secretary notify the book committee, so they would attend to their duties.



April 16 - 1935 -

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the library April 16 - 1935 - with O. R. Fairbanks, R. E. Donelson and Mrs. Elizabeth Cary present. Meeting was called to order at 7-45 - Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted. This meeting was called for the purpose of electing a Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. H. Cham - Ralph W. Burrington was elected to fill this vacancy for the balance of the year. Voted to purchase stamped envelopes for the Treasurer, Secretary and Librarian to use. The annual meeting was announced for April 30 - at 8-30 P. M. Voted to adjourn -

Elizabeth B. Cary - Sec.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library May 23, 1936 with the following present: Mrs. Alice Stetson, Ralph Purrington, R. E. Donderson, Lorenzo Griswold, O. R. Fairbanks and Mrs. Elizabeth Cary. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:15 o'clock. Minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. The Treasurers report was read and accepted. Report of the Librarian was read by the Secretary this report was accepted as read. In this report Miss Read asked the trustees to consider buying a new typewriter. It was voted to leave the purchase of a type writer with the Librarian. The following officers and committees were elected to serve the ensuing year.

Chairman - O. R. Fairbanks; Treasurer Lorenzo Griswold; Secretary, Elizabeth C. Cary; Miss Bertha Read was reappointed Librarian.

The following committees were elected, Mrs. Alice Stetson, Miss Bertha Read, Mrs. J. W. Cram and R. E. Donderson book committee - Ralph Purrington and R. E. Donderson building and grounds committee. F. L. Ware was reappointed Janitor.

The question of extra salary for vacation money to be paid to assistants was discussed and it was voted to pay the Librarian \$10 extra for this purpose. Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth Cary - Sec.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library June 22 at 8 P.M. The following were present - Lorenz Griswold, A. E. Harrington, Oscar Fairbanks, Rockwell Denson and Mrs. Elizabeth Cary. This meeting was called for the purpose of deciding what to do with money received from bonds that were due in 1936 - After some consideration it was voted to put this money in the Savings Bank until such time as seemed best to reinvest this amount - Meeting adjourned -

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth Cary. Sec.



The Annual meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at the Library April 5, 1937 with following members present - Mr. Lorenzo Griswold, Ralph Purrington, Oscar Fairbanks, Rockwell Donelson and Mabel Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Oscar Fairbanks at 7:45. The minutes of meeting held May 23, 1936 were read and approved. The Treasurer report was read and accepted.

The resignation of Mr. Lorenzo Griswold was accepted.

The following officers and committees were elected:

Chairman - Oscar Fairbanks  
 Secretary - Mabel Thompson  
 Librarian - Bertha Read re-appointed

Book Committee:

Bertha Read

Jennie "

Mr. John Parsons

Mabel Thompson

Miss Stinson

Fuel Committee:

Oscar Fairbanks

Building and Ground Committee:

Ralph Purrington

Rockwell Donelson

Janitor:

Mr. Fred Ware - re-appointed



It was voted to give Oscar Fairbanks the authority to select a new Trustee to act as Treasurer until to have same appointed by Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted  
Mabel Thompson, Sec.

Oscar Fairbanks selected Mr. G. J. Carpenter, Treasurer.

June 16, 1937 Mr. Fairbanks called a special meeting to talk over getting some money for immediate use.

Meeting opened at 7:05 with Mr. P. E. Donelson, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Stetson, & Mabel Thompson present.

Motion carried to have Mr. Carpenter draw necessary money to meet expenses from Joseph Greenold fund.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted  
Mabel Thompson, Sec.

1938

The annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library was held May 10, 1938 at the Library five trustees present.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 by Chairman, Oscar Fairbanks.  
Secretary and Treasurer's reports accepted as read.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year

Chairman - Oscar Fairbanks

Secretary - Mabel Thompson

Treasurer - C. J. Carpenter

Fuel Committee:

Ralph Purington

Building and Ground Committee:

C. J. Carpenter

Rockwell Donelson

Book Committee:

Bertha Read

Jennie "

John Parsons

Alice Stetson

Mabel Thompson

After a discussion as to the advisability of installing an oil burner it was left for Rockwell Donelson and Ralph Purington to investigate and do as they thought best.

Motion made that the Chairman buy a new door mat.

Adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully Sub., Mabel Thompson, Sec.

1939 Annual Meeting of Guinold Memorial Library Trustees  
 was held at Library May 15, 1939 with five Trustees present.  
 Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Oscar Fairbanks, Chairman.  
 Secretary and Treasurers reports read and accepted.

Officers elected for ensuing year  
 Chairman, Ralph Parrington  
 Secretary, Mabel Thompson  
 Treasurer, C. J. Carpenter

} It was voted that  
 the Secretary was  
 cast one ballot  
 for election of officers.

#### Fuel Committee

C. J. Carpenter

#### Building & Ground Committee

C. J. Carpenter

R. E. Donelson

#### Book Committee

Bertha Read,

John Parsons

Mabel Thompson

Jennie Read

Alice Stetson

Miss Read reappointed Librarian

Mr. Ware

Janitor

Motion made & seconded that Chairman Parrington  
 send Clasper back to factory for necessary repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

R. E. Donelson, Sec Pro Tem.

At a special meeting called by Chairman, Ralph Purvington it was voted to turn over B. & M. Bond into all available cash taking balance in 4 % Mortgage.

We voted to send a card of sympathy to Mrs. Alice Stetson who was ill in Franklin County Hospital.

Motion made and seconded that we accept with thanks the gift of a picture of Original Colrain House from Mrs. Carolyn Thompson, same to be hung in S. M. Library.

After a discussion about condition of roof the repairs were left in hands of the Building Committee.

Respectfully Sub.

Mabel Thompson, Sec.



1942

On September 9, 1942 the Chairman, Ralph Purrington called the annual meeting. There were six members present.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were read and accepted. All officers of the previous year were re-elected by one ballot cast by the Secretary. All committee ~~were~~ to remain the same as preceding year.

After a discussion relative to the coal and oil situation it was decided to leave the oil burner in and if necessary the Fuel Com. change to coal later.

Meeting adjourned about eight o'clock.

Respectfully submitted

Mabel Thompson. Sec.

Feb. 19, 1944

The annual meeting S. M. Trustees was held at Library with five members present.

Reports of Treasurer & Secretary were read and accepted as read.

All last year's officers were re-elected by one ballot cast by clerk.

After a discussion as to advisability of bonding the Treasurer it was left to Mr. Carpenter, the Treasurer to secure a bond which would provide protection to same.

The fixing of the roof was left to building committee, also to have front door re finished.

It was voted to get an additional book case to match one purchased a few years ago if possible. Mr. Purrington was to find out about it and use his judgement in ordering it.

Meeting adjourned about 8:30.

Respectfully submitted

Malcolm Thompson, Clerk.

Jan. 23 1945

A Special meeting of Lincoln Memorial Library Trustees was called at 8:15 by Mr. Purvinger, Chairman, with five members present.

At the suggestion of Mr. Clarke, State Auditor, it was voted to transfer \$1100.00 from Maintenance Fund to General Fund in order to build that Fund up to its original amount of \$10,000.00.

He also suggested that the two Bonds maturing in 1945 be put into U. S. Bonds. This was voted to do so and to put one into General Fund and other into Maintenance Fund.

The vote to take \$80 from Franklin County Savings Bank book # 29116, (which was for purpose of bonding Treasurer), was passed and voted to put same into General Fund to pay for Treasurer's Bond for 1944 and 1945.

After a general discussion of securities and condition of library we adjourned about 8:45.

Respectfully submitted  
M. Thompson, Clerk.

March 10, 1946

A meeting of the Gruswald Memorial Library Trustees met with the following members present: Oscar Fairbanks, Charles J. Carpenter, Rockwell E. Donelson, and the two new members, Carl V. Sewall and Florence W. Booth.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Election of Officers were as follows:

Oscar Fairbanks -	Chairman
Charles J. Carpenter -	Treasurer
Florence W. Booth -	Secretary

Appointments were as follows:

Fuel Committee -	Charles J. Carpenter
Building and Ground Committee -	Charles J. Carpenter
	Rockwell E. Donelson

Book Committee.

Bertha Read
John J. Garsons
Mabel Thompson
Jennie Read
Helen Sewall

Librarian -	Bertha Read
Janitor -	Calvin P. Rogers.



After some discussion regarding the roof it was voted to have Mr. Carpenter contact Mr. George Ballard and make an appointment for him to come and discuss with the Trustees the possibilities of a slate roof. It was also voted to have the sewer repaired.

Florence Booth was appointed to discuss Miss Read's salary with her to determine what the increase should be.

The matter of refinishing the front door was left to Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Donelson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence W. Booth.

A meeting of the <sup>Trustees</sup> Guswald Memorial Library was held at the Library with all members present.

It was voted to increase Miss Read's salary to \$300.00 <sup>a year</sup> retroactive to January 1st. and to allow \$150.00 for the purchase of books.

Mr. Donelson was to see if Mr. Bailey would refinish the front door.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence W. Booth

June 2, 1948

A meeting of the Library Trustees was held with Rockwell Donelson, Charles J. Carpenter, Carl V. Sewall, Raymond Nichols, and Florence W. Booth. Rockwell Donelson was elected Chairman, Charles J. Carpenter, Treasurer, and Florence W. Booth Secretary. Minutes of the last meeting were read and the Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Appointments were made as follows:

Fuel Committee - Charles J. Carpenter  
Building and

Ground Committee - Charles J. Carpenter  
Rockwell E. Donelson

Book Committee -

Bertha Read

John J. Garsons

Mabel Thompson

Jennie Read

Helen Sewall

Librarian - Bertha Read

Janitor - Calvin V. Rogers

After a discussion of the janitor work, it was decided to appoint Calvin Rogers and have Rockwell Donelson speak to Edmund Thompson regarding the job.

It was recommended to allow Miss Read to use \$150.00 (of the) for the purchase of books for this year.

The estimates of the work to be done on the roof were discussed with the ~~estimates~~ <sup>estimate</sup> from Brattleboro being \$648. and from Mr. Crowley \$1295. It was voted to have Raymond Nichols contact the Brattleboro man concerning his estimate and ask him to send ~~to~~ written specifications in detail to a comparison of the type of work and kind of material to be used could be made with Mr. Crowley's estimate.

It was voted to have another meeting on June 10th at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Florence W Booth

June 7, 1948

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library at 7:30 p.m. with all members except Rockwell Honeelson present. A comparison of the quotations for the roof work (was made) from Herman Crowley and Brattleboro Roofing Company was made. Raymond Nichols and



Carl Sewall listed their finding in the attic which were as follows:

1 roof board bad over side next to Mr. Carpenter's

1 Rafter by front door.

1 or 2 Ceiling joist bad on East Corner of by the Fireplace Chimney - 6 or 8 inches where they enter stone work.

Beyond the Children's room there is another bad joist.

Flashing around on vent pipe gone.  
Front corner plate underneath rafter by entry gone.

Ridge Cap around ventilator leaks.

suggested locking joints of ridge cap.

Bad lead flashing on front.

Cracked slate

Chimney needs topping out. West side particularly bad.

Replacement of sleeves for roof drains  
Chimney reflashings

Sags in gutter, out of curved sections of roof at either end.

It was decided to contact the two roofers again and have them meet with the Trustees again and go over the above list. Mr Hopps



was to contact Mr. Ryan and see if he were interested in quoting us a price on the job. Mr. Conelson was to be notified to contact Mr. Ballard about the carpenter work and if it was impossible to get him, Lenny Mills or Theodore Cromack were to be contacted regarding the work.

As soon as the desired information could be obtained another meeting was to be called for the purpose of deciding just who was to do the work.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence W. Booth.

A meeting was held on the Library steps with Mr. Carpenter, Rockwell Conelson Van Happs, Raymond Nichols, and Florence Booth present.

It was decided to have the Brattleboro Roofing and Sheet Metal Co do the work on the roof. Raymond Nichols was to notify them and find out when they would start the work.

Mr. Ballard was to do the carpenter work. Lumber and nails were to be purchased from whatever source they were available. Coal bin was to be repaired.

Discussion of the Janitor Service and Rockwell was to speak to Mr. Thompson.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Florence W. Booth, sec'y.

June 7, 1950

A meeting was held at the Library with Rockwell Conelson, Raymond Nichols, Van Buren Hoppa, Charles Carpenter, Carl Sewall, Helen Sewall, Bertha Read, and Florence Booth.

There was a discussion on the Urban and Rural Library Service to be financed for two years by a Marshall Field Grant. It was voted not to participate in the cooperative library experiment. It was felt that we could carry out constructive programs by ourselves rather than enter into the above.

Raymond Nichols was to speak to a Conway Bricklayer regarding the Chimney.

Miss Read stated she need more bookcases and also stated Mrs. Ella Stetson Marston was inquiring about the Stetson historical records!

Another meeting will be held June 19, 1900 for our annual meeting.

Meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence W. Booth  
Secretary.

June 19, 1900

A meeting was held at the Library with all the Board of Trustees present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer gave his report as follows:

General Fund - \$ 15.20

Maintenance Fund - 294.01

John Thompson

Building Fund - 1350.29

Joseph Griswold Fund. 1727.14

(Bonding Treasurer)

Election of Officers were as follows:

Chairman: Rockwell Donelson

Secretary: Florence W. Booth

Treasurer: Charles J. Carpenter



The following appointments were made:

Librarian - Bertha L. Read  
 Janitor - Calvin J. Rogers  
 Fuel Com. - Charles J. Carpenter  
 Building & Ground  
 Committee - Charles J. Carpenter  
 Rockwell V. Nelson

Book Committee -

Bertha Read  
 Jennie Read  
 Helen Sewall  
 Mabel Thompson  
 Carlton Johnson

Edith Scott and Bertha Miller were also suggested as <sup>present</sup> members of the Committee. A list of duties were drawn up to present to the Committee:

Organize, and take action on the purchasing of books as well as the disposal of old books to be placed in a permanent storage in the basement.

Devise a program to increase the interest in reading and the library.

Raymond Nichols reported on the Chimney situation. The bricklayer from Conway quoted a



been so far out of line that nothing further was done.

Rockwell Donelson was to contact Merriam in Greenfield. It was also suggested that they work up around the steps at the same time. A communication from Mrs. Mauston addressed to C. J. Carpenter was read regarding the literary historical records. This file was moved so that the contents could be arranged properly. #  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Florence W. Booth

July 12, 1950

A meeting was held at the Library with all members present.

Mrs. Mabel Thompson's resignation was read and accepted.

Clayton Barry and Frank Yeaw were mentioned to fill this vacancy. Voted to appoint Frank Yeaw.

Voted to purchase from Brown's Store a case of wax.

Decided to have a joint meeting of the

July 18, 1950,

Book Committee and Trustees. \$300. was to be used for books and magazines.

July 18, 1950

A joint meeting of the Trustees and the Book Committee of the Griswold Memorial Library was held at eight o'clock on July 18, 1950 at the Library. Those present were Mrs. Bertha Read, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Yeaw, Mr. Daxelson, Mr. Raymond Nichols, Reverend Carlton Johnson, Mr. Happs, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sewall.

A motion was made and recorded that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees investigate the possibility of securing the net revenue of the dog license fees for dog fund as supplementary grant for use of the Library, a report to be made at next meeting of the Board.

It was moved and seconded that the Trustees build shelves in the basement for discarded books.

The Book Committee was organized with Mr. Johnson as chairman and Mrs. Sewall as secretary.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Helen W. Sewall  
Secretary Griswold Mem -









October 27, 1952 -

Minutes of last meeting were read.  
A meeting was held with Rockwell Donelson,  
C. J. Carpenter, Carl W. Sewall & Florence Booth  
present.

Officers elected were:

Chairman - Carl W. Sewall  
Secretary - Florence W. Booth  
Treasurer - C. J. Carpenter.

Appointments -

Librarian - Bertha L. Read  
Janitor - Calvin L. Roger  
Building & Ground Committee - C. J. Carpenter  
& Rockwell Donelson.

Treasury report was given.

Discussion on use of Dog Fund. An  
article was to be put in the Warrant.  
asking for same.

There was a discussion on <sup>any</sup> increase  
of the Librarian's salary to \$50. and assistant  
Librarian's possibilities.

Florence W Booth  
Secretary

Feb. 13, 1953

Minutes of last meeting were read  
Treasury report read.

Officers elected were

Chairman. Carl V. Sewall

Secretary. Florence W Booth

Treasurer. Charles J Carpenter

Appointments

Librarian. Bertha L. Read

Janitor. Calvin T. Rogers.

Building & Ground Committee - C. J. Carpenter  
& Rockwell Monelson

Book Committee

Bertha Read

Frank Yeaw

Helen Sewall

Ned Masely

Karlton Johnson

Marion Byron

Buelah Gammell.

Discussion of insurance on building and  
Contents. Present amount \$13,000 on building  
and \$2500 on contents. It was voted to  
insure building for \$30,000 under the 80%  
clause. Voted to contact Book Committee  
as to the amount to be placed on contents.  
It was also voted to notify the Book Committee  
that it was the suggestion of the Trustees  
to have the Committee work to gether in the  
selection and ordering of books and that all

orders be approved by a majority of the Book Committee.

It was voted that \$500 be allowed for the purchase of books.

Roscoe Temple was to be contacted as to repairing chimney. The front steps were to be painted up.

Raymond Nichols was to find out about the possibilities of a railing on the front steps.

Mention was made of taking the lighting into consideration in the near future.



June 19, 1953

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present -

C. V. Sewall

C. J. Carpenter

R. E. Sadelson

R. E. Nichols

Subject of insurance discussed.

Suggested \$6,000.00 valuation on contents.

Motion made & carried, we insure contents for \$6,000.

Roof repairs discussed.

Motion made & carried to repair roof as discussed with Brattleboro Roofing plus coat of paint & repairs flashing on roof over children's room, at estimate of \$90.00 for upper roof. No estimate on lower roof.

Motion made & carried to authorize Carl Sewall to have the chimney fixed and front steps pointed up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

December 12, 1953

The trustees met with Carl Sewall, Raymond Nichols Van Hoppes, C. J. Carpenter and Florence Booth present.

Voted have the Finance Committee recommend that the Dog Fund be appropriated to the Library.

Discussion of the reinvestment of bonds. This matter to be discussed with State Auditors when they are in town.

Discussion on plugged sewer. Carl Sewall authorized to contact Shelburne to obtain help and equipment to take care of this matter. Raymond Nichols was authorized to contact West. Mass. Electric on the lighting.

Van Hoppes & Raymond to investigate further into the possibilities of a railing on front steps. Suggested members of the Book Committee were Edith Scott, Clayton Barry and Raymond Annals.

Carl Sewall was to contact Mr. Johnson and make plans for a meeting sometime in January.

Respectfully Submitted

F W Booth

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The Board of Trustees met in the Library and organized as follows:

Chairman - Carl V Sewall

Secretary - F W Booth

Treasurer - C J Carpenter.

Appointments were made as follows:

Building, Ground & Fuel Committee

C J Carpenter and Rockwell Honeason.

Librarian

Bertha Read

Sanitar Calvin Rogers.

The Book Committee was approved -

Helen Sewall

Frank Yeaw

Marion Byron

Edwin Mosely

Karlton Johnson

Bertha Read

Roller Smully

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. It was voted that copy of letter sent by secretary to the Book Committee also be placed in trustees hands.

There was further discussion on the Genealogy records and the possibility of finding some person interested in this matter to order so that they would be of some use. It is very much

interested and would be glad to assist.

After the business meeting the Trustees met with the Book Committee. This Committee reported that they had planned to meet regularly every first Saturday evening of the month. The Committee had decided to start winding out the books which had not been taken out during the past ten years. This would help to overcome the shortage of shelf room. Miss Read mentioned that the shelf room in the children's room was very limited and there were few books in that particular room which she felt should be removed. Miss Read was given an application to apply for membership to the Mass Library Association.

The Committee also discussed the sources which they were using and the sources available for reference material.

Respectfully submitted

Florence W Booth







July 2, 1954.

The trustees met at the Library with Raymond Nichols, Byron Scott, Carl Sewall and Florence Booth present.

The resignation of Mr C. J. Carpenter as treasurer was accepted, and Florence W Booth was elected to complete Mr Carpenter's term as treasurer.

Discussion<sup>n</sup> on the location of the meter and it was agreed to place on the corner next to Mr Carpenter's if agreeable with the West Mass. Company.

Mr Scott spoke about the by-laws which other libraries have. Tentative by-laws were to be made up by Mr Scott for discussion at a future meeting.

The planning of a bulletin board<sup>n</sup> had been brought to the attention of the trustees. This matter was to be taken care of by Mr Scott and Mr Nichols.

Respectfully submitted

Florence W Booth

Oct. 28, 1954.

The Trustees met at the Library with Carl Sewall, Byron Scott, Rockwell, Alphonson, and Florence Booth present. Miss Read, Librarian, was also present.

Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Carl Sewall reported that Raymond Nichols, licensed electrician, was to install the new meter board with the assistance of Mr. Gibbs.

The Book Committee recommended a 30.36 card type bulletin Board. Mr. Robley Snively is making this Board.

It was noted that a legible tag had been placed on the Jaggert chair.

Mrs. Bolton has finished arranging the Genealogical records and wishes to have the files moved from her house as soon as possible. Byron Scott and Carl Sewall were chosen as a committee to decide where this material would be placed. The question as to the value of the odd material found in these cases was brought out.

It was mentioned that possibly some of the material pertaining to other towns might be of interest and value to the respective towns.

Miss Read reported that Mr. Conner



had left with her some material which dealt with the history of Colrain. Florence Booth was to contact the Librarians as to the place for filing this material.

A copy of the By laws which had been previously made up by Mr. Scott and placed in the hands of each member of the Board of Trustees were revised.

Carl Swall was to find out about the possibility of obtaining Miss Varner to continue on with the Library program with the school children which she started last year.

Byron Scott passed on to the Secretary a Statement of Principles for Massachusetts Libraries, By laws and Constitution of the Library Trustees Association, and applications for apply for membership in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence W Booth

January 11, 1955

The board of trustees met at the  
 Grunwald Memorial Library for their regular  
 monthly meeting January 11, 1955. The  
 members present were: Carl Sewall,  
 Raymond Nichols, Rockwell Bonelson,  
 Byron Scott and the librarian Miss  
 Read. The meeting was called to  
 order at 8:45 P.M. Due to the  
 absence of Mrs. Booth the secretary,  
 the chairman appointed Byron Scott  
 to take the notes of the meeting.

The question of a quorum was  
 brought before the members by the  
 chairman. Since one of the board  
 members is inactive, it is often  
 difficult to have a quorum of four  
 members present for the  
 transaction of regular business.  
 Following a discussion, it was  
 voted to amend Section I, Article II  
 of the bylaws at the next  
 regular meeting, to the effect that  
 a quorum of four members be  
 changed to a quorum of three members.

Until six active members are available.

### Reports of Committees

Byron Scott reported that the public relations Committee had met two times at Miss Read's home. Newspaper publicity had been planned and started with an account of the Hietson genealogical file by Miss Read that was published January 5, 1955 in the Greenfield Recorder Gazette. All newspaper publicity will be kept in a scrap book for reference and study. Mrs. Sewall has consented to take the responsibility of the library bulletin board for at least a month.

The lighting committee pointed out one of the new type lighting fixtures that had been installed in the stock room for experimental purposes and observation. All members of the



board present and the Librarian were pleased and satisfied with the results obtained from this initial installation. After a discussion, it was decided to leave this fixture in place until after the five reading room fixtures had been installed. It was also decided to order a fixture for the Children's room at this time. This makes a total of seven fixtures, two more than was decided upon at a previous meeting.

### New Business:

The Book Committee sent word through the Chairman that their 1954 budget was too small, and hoped that their 1955 budget would be increased.

The Librarian mentioned the need of a railing for the library steps during the icy months.



Following a discussion it was decided that the maintenance Committee would arrange to get salt and sand and have the front walk and steps deiced.

The Chairman stated the need to arrange for the book Committee for 1955. He stated that one of the members of the present Committee had requested release. Another had moved from Colrain.

Discussion. The Chairman was willing and had the approval of the board to contact the remaining members of the Book Committee to determine if they would be willing to serve another year. For the vacancies to be filled a list of names was submitted for consideration. From this list, four names were selected for the Chairman to use in filling the vacancies.

Miss Head stated that she

had received a letter from an attorney in Pittsfield by which the attorney stated that he had written three times to the town of Colrain in regards to the town's acceptance of the Stetson genealogical file, and had had no reply. This attorney was asking for the librarian's help. Miss Read had submitted the letter to the town clerk for disposition. Mr. Scott stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Carlton Johnson, recently from Colrain, now in New York, who stated that he had recently met Mrs. Stetson widow of Oscar Frank Stetson who requested that he contact someone in Colrain to expedite the acceptance of the genealogical file so that the Stetson estate could be settled. Mr. Johnson requested Mr. Scott to bring this matter to the attention of the selectmen. Mr. Scott submitted this letter to the

town clerk for further action.  
 Mr. Johnson also stated in his  
 letter that Mrs. Stetson had  
 a copy of the book "The Art of  
 Ernest Hemingway" by Oscar Frank  
 Stetson and if the Colrain  
 Library had no copy, it would  
 be available from Mrs. Stetson.  
 The trustees approved the  
 acceptance of this book, and  
 authorized Mr. Scott of the  
 public relations Committee to  
 consummate the matter.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted  
 Byron N. Scott.



February 8, 1955

The trustees met at the Library with Carl Sewall, Byron Scott, Raymond Nichols, and Florence Booth present. As this was the first meeting following Town Meeting, the trustees organized as follows:

Chairman - Byron Scott  
 Secretary - Florence Booth  
 Treasurer - Carl Sewall

The following appointments were made:

Building Committee - Rockwell  
 Houlson and Carl Sewall  
 Librarian: Bertha L. Read  
 Appointment reaffirmed  
 Janitor - Calvin Rogers

Book Committee - Edwin Masely  
 Frank Yeaw, Robley Smully



John Thompson, Louise O'Brien  
Mrs. Wallenweber and Miss Read.

Secretary's report was read and accepted with the following corrections the Book Committee was pleased with 1954 Budget and hoped that 1955 would at least be the same; and changing the reference made to the Maintenance Committee to read the Building Committee.

The treasurer's report was postponed until next meeting. After the organization of the Trustees, Miss Read Librarian joined us in our meeting.

The Librarian mentioned the matter of rearranging the books to make more shelf room and the disposing of obsolete books.

The Trustees agreed that the discarding of the books selected by the Librarian for discard should be an item on the agenda for the Book Committee at their next meeting. The problems of the shortage of shelf room in the Children's room was left for the Building Committee and Librarian to work out. The necessity of a chair and desk with proper lighting in the basement was brought up.

Raymond Nichols reported that the lighting fixtures had been received. Attention was called to the desk light which has been installed.

Mr. Scott reported for Public Relations Committee that the copy of the Book "The Art of Ancestor Hunting" by Oscar Frank Stutson

had been received and accepted by letter. Mrs. Stetson also has a book on Colman Families from the 1700's and has inquired as to passing this on to Carl Smith. Mr. Scott is going to compose a letter to Mr. Smith regarding this book.

The Secretary was requested to send letters of appreciation to the retiring members of the Book Committee - Mrs. Sewall, Mrs. Marion Byron and Carlton Johnson.

It was voted that Article II Section 1 of the By-Laws strike out the sentence - "A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of four members of the board." This to read - "A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of



three members of the board until such time as there are six active members.

The trustees agreed that the duties of the auditor should be under the direction of the building committee.

Motion was made that a resolution be adopted to authorize Carl Sewall to have access to the safe deposit box 188 at the Shelburne Falls National Bank.

A copy of the survey made by Mr. Scott to help in the book selection for Meeting Community library needs was passed out to the Trustees and copies were to be given to the Book Committee for their inspection.

It was decided that the Book Committee and Trustees hold another joint meeting as has



been done in the past. This meeting was to be held April 5 - which is the regular meeting night of the Book Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Florence W Boate









































